

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the formalities letter dated August 11, 2004 and titled Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Sequence Disclosures and to additionally amend the specification, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.